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 THE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the enclosed references cited on attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

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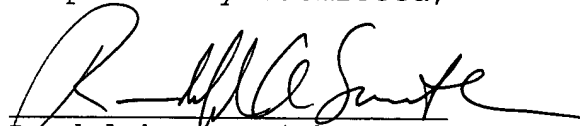
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